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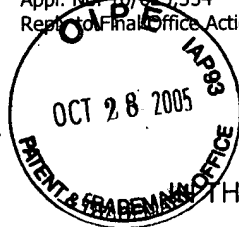
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This communication is in response to the Examiner's final Office Action dated September 9, 2005, in which claims 1-6 were rejected. Applicants respectfully request entry of this communication after final and reconsideration of the now-claimed invention. In the alternative, Applicants respectfully request entry of this communication in order to present rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.